



Clapper: Intelligence cuts could be 'insidious'

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James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, is warning that federal budget cuts known as sequestration will hurt the nation in ways that might not be known until it is too late. Employee furloughs are under consideration, but none has been announced.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, right, testifies before the Senate Intelligence Committee during the annual open hearing on worldwide threats on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, March 12, 2013. FBI Director Robert Mueller listens at left. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

"We're cutting real capability and accepting greater risk," Clapper told reporters in his office Friday. "For intelligence, this is not quite like shorter hours for public parks or longer lines at the airports. For intelligence, it's insidious.

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